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In Reply Refer To: 8100-R

Date: April 1, 2007

Ms. Catherine Glidden  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. St., SW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 33407, DM&E Consultant Eligibility letter of February 15, 2008

Dear Ms. Glidden;

We have reviewed the appropriate portions of "A LEVEL III CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY OF THE DAKOTA, MINNESOTA & EASTERN RAILROAD CORPORATION'S POWDER RIVER BASIN EXPANSION PROJECT CORRIDOR, CUSTER, FALL RIVER, AND PENNINGTON COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA" for the South Dakota Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Those portions included, but were not limited to, Bureau of Land Management Public Lands in South Dakota which hold sites 39FA1345-47, 39FA1381-87, 39PN1742, 39PN1783, 39FA1765, and 39FA2087.

1. We agree with the recommendation that sites 39FA1345, 39FA1346, 39FA1347, 39FA1382, 39FA1384, 39FA1385, 39FA1387, and 39PN1742 are Not Eligible.
2. We agree with the recommendation that site 39FA1383 is Eligible.
3. We agree with the recommendation that sites 39FA1386, 39FA1765, and 39PN1783 remain Unevaluated or are "Potentially Eligible".
4. We agree with the recommendation that site 39FA1347 is Eligible, however, we need to have a formal nomination completed for the site, detailing the characteristics that make it significant, before we can apply the criteria of adverse effect to the property. Therefore, at this time, we do not agree with your determination that there is "No adverse effect" by the undertaking. There may be visual or noise effects.

If you have any questions please contact our Zone Archeologist, Barry G. Williams at 701 227-7707 or email [bgwillia@blm.gov](mailto:bgwillia@blm.gov).

Sincerely,

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